

Thank you commissioners, for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Zach Leshner, I'm a renter in Buckman, and I am here to support Portland: Neighbors Welcome's call to upzone the Inner Eastside for four floors and corner stores.

I am testifying today because I love the Inner Eastside. It is filled with parks and restaurants, and allows me to live car-free due to its many frequent bus lines and wonderful neighborhood greenways that make biking easy and safe.

I want more people to be able to call the Inner Eastside home, and not just people who can afford to buy a single family home. I want to see an Inner Eastside where affordable apartments aren't only limited to being built along the dangerous roads in our high-crash network, but can be built anywhere, mixed in with the other homes to create an even more diverse, vibrant community than we already have, with the new housing supporting new neighborhood businesses that wouldn't be possible without being within an easy walk of so many residents.

As you listen to other testimony on this proposal, I hope you will see that this change is popular, and that people have so many different and varied reasons for supporting it. Therefore I would like to ask that the Inner Eastside for All proposal be included as a strategy in the Housing Production Strategy.

Thank you.